

WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Kathy Conrad, RDH
Judy Morrison, RDH
Joella Pyatt, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Joy King, Director
Molly Wolverton, Program Support
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2005, at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, Room 139, 310 Israel Rd. S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501.

ITEMS ON AGENDA

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

A. Approval of Agenda

The August 26, 2005 agenda was approved as amended. Added was Item 10.E. Staff update.

B. Approval of February 5, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The February 5, 2005 minutes were approved as presented.

2. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL EXAMINERS (AADE)

Ms. Adix and Ms. Brown presented the committee with an update on the issue regarding Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) members being a voting member of the AADE. An amendment to the AADE bylaws would have to be proposed and voted on by the membership. The Department will not pursue this as there are only two (2) states that have separate Dental and Dental Hygiene Boards.

Ms. King informed the committee that Dr. Lorin Peterson is the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) voting member and that she is the voting member for the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC). Ms. King will represent DHEC as a neutral party and she should attend both the yearly meeting and the mid-year meeting.

**3. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION (WSDHA)
SURVEY PREPARED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

Staff informed the committee that they have no new information available at this time on the survey. Dr. Gary Hart is still working on the survey. This will be tabled to the October 28, 2005 meeting at SeaTac.

As the committee was on the subject of surveys, Ms. King discussed the use Division's use of internet surveys. In order to save allotment and as the Division is looking into internet based jurisprudence exams, we have decided to take the drug and law examination back from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). We have given then the required 365 day notice. The Denturist exam went smoothly and we now have a staff person that will be working on the internet.

4. NATIONAL EXAMINATION UPDATE

The committee discussed the latest information available on the national examination. There will be two (2) national exams and they are the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) exams and the Association of Dental Examiners (ADEX) exams. ADEX is made up of Hawaii, Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) and North East Regional Board (NERB). The Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) is still undecided regarding joining ADEX. The American Dental Association (ADA) will accept both national exams. CRDTS will only be giving the ADEX examinations. There are thirty-three (33) states that are now accepting WREB.

4. NATIONAL EXAMINATION UPDATE (continued)

Ms. Adix stated that the committee might not want to sign the contract at this time for ADEX. The contract might bind the committee's hands and it should be reviewed carefully. The committee will wait to see how this new examination goes.

5. INFORMATION ON PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION SERVICES (PBIS)

The committee discussed the documentation received from PBIS. There are currently nine (9) states accepting PBIS and they only use this and do not accept anything else. PBIS is under the governance of WREB. If Washington went this way, there could possibly be a huge change in the way business is conducted and savings to the state.

The committee asked Ms. Brown to compile the opinions of the nine (9) states currently using PBIS for the October meeting.

Ms. King mentioned to the committee that currently dental hygiene disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). A decision package has been put together to request the allotment authority to use the NPDB. NPDB will be checked for all professions except for Veterinary clinics and pharmacies.

6. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- A.** Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Directors meeting – *Kathy Conrad, RDH*

See attached report.

- B.** Western Conference of Dental Examiners and Dental School Deans – *Kathy Conrad, RDH*

See attached report.

- C.** Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee – *Judy Morrison, RDH*

See attached report.

6. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS – (continued)

D. Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee – *Joella Pyatt, RDH*

See attached report.

7. ESTABLISH MEETING DATES FOR 2006

Ms. King asked the committee when establishing meeting dates for 2006 to consider not having their meeting at the same time as the Board of Denturists and the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC). The proposed meeting dates and locations of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) for 2006 are:

February 10, 2006	Point Plaza East, Tumwater
May 5, 2006	free facility in Vancouver
August 11, 2006	Point Plaza East, Tumwater
November 10, 2006	possibly the Yakima area

8. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANT FOR ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT TO PIERCE COLLEGE ON OCTOBER 18 – 19, 2005 IN PORT ANGELES

The new committee member, Corinne Boes, was nominated to attend the site visit to Pierce College's new location in Port Angeles. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Boes will be contacted to see if she is available to attend this site visit. If she has any questions, she can feel free to give Ms. Conrad a call. If Ms. Boes is unable to attend the site visit, Ms. Pyatt will attend in her place.

A motion was made to have Ms. Conrad become a pro tem member of the committee to attend site visits if no other member can make it.

9. SELECTION OF WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD (WREB) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE FOR AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

The new committee member, Ms. Boes was nominated to be the WREB Board of Directors representative for the upcoming year. This passed unanimously.

10. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

Staff provided an update to the committee on each of the following areas:

A. Budget

Ms. King and Ms. Brown reviewed the basic budget with the committee. It was noted that we have not received the end of the biennium budget. The new budget will not be out till the first part of 2006 and will be presented to the committee at that time.

B. Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics

The committee was presented an update of the licensing and disciplinary statistics for the period of April 25, 2005 to August 9, 2005.

C. Continuing Education Audits

The committee members were presented with an update regarding continuing education audits. The Division is still working on a new process for the audits. The members will be updated at the next meeting if there is anything new on this issue.

D. New Committee Member

The committee was informed that the new member to replace Ms. Conrad will be Ms. Boes from Chewelah. Ms. Boes has received information on the location and date of the next meeting.

At this time, staff presented Ms. Conrad with a going away plaque for her time serving on the committee.

E. Staff Update

The committee was informed that Erin Obenland is no longer a part of the board support unit. She has moved over to credentialing. Jennifer Bressi was introduced as the new program manager for board support. Ms. Bressi is the former credentialing manager.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items will be added to the next agenda:

- National Examination Update
- Information on Professional Background Information Services
- Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members
- Budget
- Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics
- Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA) Survey Prepared by the University of Washington
- Miscellaneous Reports
American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) – Joella Pyatt, RDH

12. CONSENT AGENDA - CORRESPONDENCE

The following items and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business. Otherwise, there will be no discussion of these items.

There was no additional correspondence.

13. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For Discussion Only)

There was no other open session business discussed at this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – 12:26 p.m. TO 1:25 p.m.

14. REVIEW OF SURVEYS FOR SUBSTANTIVELY EQUIVALENT LICENSING STANDARDS

The committee met in closed session to discuss the issues surrounding substantively equivalent licensing standards versus the requirements of endorsement by credential and the initial limited license.

Staff was requested to modify and update the state survey. Once the survey is completed, it will be sent to all state licensing boards and regional examining agencies via email. They will be given a link to the website that contains the new survey.

OPEN SESSION – 1:26 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Vicki L. Brown, Program Manager

Pete Fox, Chairperson, Public Member